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JANUARY 2005 RESULTS FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS
CATTLE AND SHEEP REVIEW

CATTLE INVENTORY

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS contains the Cattle, Sheep and Goat Report. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,

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State Director

NEW MEXICO: Inventory of all **cattle and calves** in New Mexico on January 1, 2005 totaled 1.5 million head, down from 1.51 million a year ago. **Beef cow** inventory was up 3.7 percent to 472,000 head. Milk cows were down to 318,000 head. Beef operations kept 90,000 **beef heifers for replacement**, and milk operations kept 100,000 **dairy heifers for replacement** on hand. **Steers** weighing 500 pounds or more totaled 150,000 head compared to 190,000 head the previous year. **Bulls** on hand remained at 45,000 head. **Calves** under 500 pounds totaled 240,000 head. The **calf crop** was 10,000 head higher than in 2004, at 600,000 head. Total **cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market totaled 126,000 head, up from January 1, 2004 by 11,000.

UNITED STATES: All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2005, totaled 95.8 million head, 1 percent above the 94.9 million on January 1, 2004.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.1 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2004.

Beef cows, at 33.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2004. Milk cows, at 9.01 million, were up slightly from January 1, 2004.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2005, and the change from January 1, 2004, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up 2 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.75 million, up 4 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.13 million, up 3 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.79 million, down slightly.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, up 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, up 1 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, up 1 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.7 million, down slightly.

The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.9 million, up 2 percent.

The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, down 1 percent from 2003.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop January 1, 2004-2005, New Mexico and U.S.

	New Mexico		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	-----1,000 Head-----			
Cattle and calves	1,510	1,500	94,888	95,848
Cows and Heifers that have calved	780	790	41,851	42,060
Beef Cows	455	472	32,861	33,055
Milk Cows	325	318	8,990	9,005
Heifers 500 lbs. And over				
For beef cow replacement	85	90	5,518	5,746
For milk cow replacement	75	100	4,020	4,133
Other	105	85	9,806	9,793
Steers 500 lbs. and over	190	150	16,277	16,511
Bulls 500 lbs. and over	45	45	2,206	2,219
Calves under 500 lbs.	230	240	15,210	15,385
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter	115	126	13,813	13,749
Calf crop (previous year)	590	600	37,903	37,625

SHEEP INVENTORY

NEW MEXICO: Sheep and lamb inventory for the state on January 1, 2005 continued a downward trend, totaling 145,000 head compared to 160,000 on January 1, 2004, a decline of 9.4 percent. **Breeding sheep and lambs** dropped by 13,000 head to 120,000. **Market sheep and lambs** decreased by 2,000 head going from 27,000 to 25,000 head. The 2004 lamb crop at 85,000 head, declined 14 percent from the 2003 lamb crop.

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2005, totaled 6.14 million head, up slightly from 2004, but 3 percent below two years ago. The inventory has leveled off and is showing a slight increase for the first time since 1990.

Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005, up 1 percent from 4.50 million head on January 1, 2004. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.57 million head, were 1 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2005, totaled 1.60 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2004. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-six percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 13 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, 32 percent were over 105 pounds, and 5 percent were market sheep.

The 2004 lamb crop of 4.10 million head, a record low, was down 1 percent from 2003. The 2004 lambing rate was 113 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2004, up 3 percent from 2003.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop January 1, 2004-2005, New Mexico and U.S.				
	New Mexico		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	-----1,000 Head-----			
All Sheep and Lambs	160.0	145.0	6,105.0	6,135.0
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	133.0	120.0	4,499.0	4,533.0
Market Sheep and Lambs	27.0	25.0	1,606.0	1,602.0
Market Lambs under 65 lbs.	6.0	7.0	431.5	413.2
65-84 lbs.	8.0	7.0	255.9	214.7
85-105 lbs.	8.0	5.0	366.8	381.9
Over 105 lbs.	3.0	4.0	486.2	518.1
Market Sheep	2.0	2.0	65.6	74.1
Lamb crop Jan. 1 previous year ^{1/}	99.0	85.0	4,140.0	4,096.0

1/ Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States

GOAT INVENTORY

NEW MEXICO: All Goat inventory in the state totaled 21,800 on January 1, 2005. Angora goats held at 10,000 head no, change from January 1, 2004. Milk Goat inventory was estimated at 4,500 head and meat and other goat totaled 7,300 head.

UNITED STATES: All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2005, totaled 2.5 million head. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.1 million head and market goats totaled 400,000 head. On January 1, 2005, meat and all other goats totaled 1.97 million head, milk goats totaled 283,500 head and angora goats totaled 274,000 head. The 2004 kid crop was 1.67 million head for all goats.

Goats: Inventory, Selected States and Total, January 1, 2004-2005				
Class	New Mexico		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	-----1,000 Head-----			
Angora	10,000	10,000	--	274,000
Milk	--	4,500	---	283,500
Meat and Other	--	7,300	--	1,965,000
Total	--	21,800	--	2,522,500